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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-11, 15 and 17 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 4-8 are allowed. Claims 9 and 17 are rejected. Claims 10 and 11 are objected to.

Amendment of the Claims

In view of the Examiner's comments, claim 9 has been amended to recite the expression of the polypeptide. Applicant requests withdrawal of the stated rejection and withdrawal of the objection to claims 10 and 11.

Claim 17 has been amended to conform to the language of claim 15, thereby making moot the rejection for lack of antecedent basis. Applicant requests withdrawal of the stated rejection.

Telephone Conference

If the Examiner believes that any remaining issues may be resolved via a teleconference, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at the number below.

CONDITIONAL PETITION

Applicant hereby makes a Conditional Petition for any relief available to correct any defect in connection with this filing, or any defect remaining in this application after this filing. The Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account 13-2755 for the petition fee and any other fee(s) required to affect this Conditional Petition.

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CONCLUSION

In accord with 37 C.F.R. §1.116, Applicant has amended the claims to place them in condition for allowance. Applicant requests an early indication of the same.

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